

House Bill 4256 (As Introduced)**Topic:** Boiler Operators**Sponsor:** Representative Lipsey**Co-sponsors:** Representatives Lemmons III, Tobocman, Alma Smith, Bieda, McDowell, Gleason, Wenke, Plakas, Gaffney, Hopgood, Wojno, Leland, and Virgil Smith**Committee:** House Regulatory Reform**Date Introduced:** February 10, 2005**Date of Summary:** February 15, 2005

The bill amends the Boiler Act of 1965 to provide for registration of boiler operators and stationary engineers. The bill provides for a testing fee of \$10 and an annual registration fee of \$20. An individual coming into the state from a state, municipality, or country whose requirements are substantially equivalent may be registered without examination upon payment of a \$30 fee if the state, municipality, or country provides similar reciprocity for Michigan registrants. There is a “grandfather” clause permitting registration of certain individuals without examination within one year. Those who may be registered without examination include those with 5 or more years experience, licensed operators from Detroit or Dearborn, and individuals who have completed a 4-year approved apprenticeship program. Boiler operators and stationary engineers are divided into five categories based on the size and complexity of the equipment operated. The experience, training, and education requirements for registration vary for the different classes. The Board of Boiler Rules is required to promulgate rules within 180 days. The registration of a certified boiler operator or stationary engineer may be suspended by the chief inspector due to incompetence or willful falsification on the individual’s application. The bill provides procedures for appeal and reregistration. Penalties include imprisonment for not more than 60 days, a fine of not more than \$500, or both.